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Note verbale dated 8 March 2017 from the Permanent Mission of Greece to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of Greece to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006), and has the honour to submit the following information on the national measures taken with a view to implementing the provisions of Security Council resolution 2321 (2016), in accordance with paragraph 36 of the resolution.

According to Law 92/1967, on the implementation of United Nations Security Council resolutions, any resolution based on article 41 of the Charter of the United Nations that is mandatory for Member States, in accordance with article 25 of the Charter, is (a) published in the Official Gazette by Decision of the Minister for Foreign Affairs; and (b) implemented by virtue of a presidential decree. Such decree may further specify the prohibitions provided for in the resolution and the measures that are necessary for its implementation. Any violation of the provisions of the aforementioned presidential decree is subject to imprisonment of up to five years or to a fine, or both.

As far as Security Council resolution 2321 (2016) is concerned, Ministerial Decision No. F4980/AS6722 was issued and published in the Official Gazette, and the issuance of the relevant presidential decree is under way.

Moreover, the Bank of Greece has issued the relevant instructions to all Greek Banking institutions, in order for them to implement the provisions of Security Council resolution 2321 (2016).

On its part, the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Terrorism Financing Authority has notified all concerned Greek entities of the adoption of Security Council resolution 2321 (2016) and instructed them to strictly implement the sanctions contained therein. More specifically, the Financial Sanctions Unit, which, together with the Financial Intelligence Unit, constitutes part of the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Terrorism Financing Authority and is responsible for freezing the assets of, as well as prohibiting the provision of financial services to, natural and legal persons and entities that are designated for any reason by

resolutions of the Security Council (or by its competent organs) or by regulations or decisions of the European Union, has notified all obliged persons, referred to in article 5 of Law 3691/2008, as applicable (banks, various kinds of financial institutions, etc), about the above-mentioned Security Council resolution (as well as the relevant regulations and/or decisions), and has demanded a thorough investigation for the detection of assets of any nature belonging to the designated persons or entities.

Additionally, the Greek customs authorities and the Greek coast guard authorities, through the Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy, have been advised as to the provisions of Security Council resolution 2321 (2016).

Furthermore, the Hellenic Chamber of Shipping and the Union of Greek Shipowners have also been advised as to the provisions of Security Council resolution 2321 (2016).

These measures complement and reinforce those already in place in follow-up of Security Council resolutions 1695 (2006), 1718 (2006), 1874 (2009), 2087 (2013), 2094 (2013) and 2270 (2016).

Greece, as a European Union member State, is bound by Council Decision 2016/2215/CFSP of 8 December 2016, and the Commission Implementing Regulation 2016/2215 of 8 December 8 2016 amending Council Regulation (EC) 329/2007, concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, which have been adopted with a view to implementing the most recent United Nations sanctions against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Finally, Greece is bound by two other legal texts recently published by the European Union, and based on Security Council resolution 2321 (2016); first, Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/345 of 27 February 2017 amending Decision (CFSP) 2016/849, concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea; and second, Council Regulation (EU) 2017/330 of 27 February 2017 amending Regulation (EC) No 329/2007, concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.